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Please enter the following submission and withdraw the finality of the proceeding office action or withdraw any pending appeal and reopen prosecution before the Examiner.

Application Number 09/530,253

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Group Art Unit 3639

Examiner Name R.S. WOO


Attorney Docket Number PHD 98-097

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This is an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application (which is made prior to: payment of issue fee; abandonment; notice of appeal to the CAFC; or commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146.)

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**a. ☒ Previously submittedi. ☒ Consider the supplemental amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____b. **Enclosed**i. ☒ Amendment (- 8 pages)ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statementiv. ☐ Other _____ (may not be a brief)2. **Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (May not exceed 3 months; Fee required per 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(i))b. ☐ Other _____3. **Fees**a. ☒ The Commissioner For Patents is hereby authorized to charge all required fees except the issue fee or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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